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To whom it may concern:

The proposed settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case is a very bad idea. Microsoft is a ruthless competitor which thinks nothing of using illegal and unethical means to achieve it's goal of complete domination of the computer software industry. While the actual case focused on the web browser situation with Netscape, I have personal experience with other, similar situations involving Microsoft which resulted in similar outcomes: Microsoft eliminating competition--and competitors--using illegal and unethical business practices. If left unchecked, Microsoft will continue to engage in such practices, to the detriment of the rest of the industry.

Microsoft was convicted of serious crimes, and deserves serious a serious sentence, one designed to punish the company for its past behavior, undo or compensate for the damages it inflicted on its victims, and most importantly to prevent it from engaging in such practices again in the future. The current settlement proposal is a laughable slap on the wrist which does none of these things, and would actually enhance the company's dominance over a market which is does not already control. The settlement should be rejected and replaced with a more appropriate set of sanctions.

The computer software industry is the foundation of the economy of the 21st century. Don't allow Microsoft to destroy that foundation.

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